company has been set up in Orissa to cover tea plantation in Keonjhar Distt. of Orissa and Tea Board has granted loan for this purpose. Coffee Plantation has been started in Machkund, Rayargada, Gudaygiri, Phulbani, Parlakhenumandi, Jaypore and Koraput.

Export of Wheat to Russia

2967. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shipment of 2,00,000 tonnes of wheat recently exported to Russia was found to be bug infested;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps Government have taken in the matter; and

(d) what is the reaction of the Russian Governmen thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In the wheat exported to USSR, the Russian Quarantine Authorities had found some marginal presence of Nevossia Indica Mitra, which is a plant disease.

(c) and (d) Marginal presence of Nevossia Indica Mitra is not toxic or harmful for human consumption. The matter has been discussed in detail with Technical Experts from the Soviet Union who have also inspected the wheat stocks. Samples have been sent for further analysis to the Soviet Union.

Distribution of re-rolling steel to re-rolling mills

2968. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria adopted by the Steel Authority of India Limited to distribute re-rollable steel to the steel re-rolling mills; and

(b) what steps are being taken to ensure that fictitious firms having no factories in existence do not succeed in drawing steel for sale in black market?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Steel Authority of India Limited distributes re-rollable materials to steel re-rolling mills on the basis of the best annual off-take from SAIL during the period 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84. Supplies to new|sick units are based on their entitlements fixed by the Iron and Steel Controller.

(b) The Iron and Steel (Control) Order has been amended recently to enable the Iron and Steel Controller to take action against those units or individuals who make false claims regarding existence of factories and seek to acquire iron and steel material. The Iron and Steel Control Organisation carries out regular inspections to detect such cases. Appropriate action is taken where required.

India-China protocol

2969. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have signed a protocol on or about November 2, 1985 for bilateral imports and exports;

(b) if so, what are the details of trade to be transacted thereunder between the two countries; and

(c) what are the details of exports to and imports from China during the years from 1981 to 1985 and during 1985-86 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. India and China signed a trade protocol on 23rd November, 1985.

(b) The two countries have agreed to establish trade of a total value of about US $100-160 million during